

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 653
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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Elizabeth C. Mansfield
upon her being named 2003 Tennessee
Professor of the Year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause in their deliberations to specially recognize those outstanding educators whose devotion to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students is unwavering; and

WHEREAS, the finest of teachers foster an atmosphere of imagination, innovation, and enthusiasm, encouraging the unlimited growth of Tennessee's young minds; and

WHEREAS, Elizabeth Mansfield, associate professor and chair of the Department of Art and Art History at Sewanee, The University of the South, is one such estimable educator, who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Mansfield has recently been selected as the 2003 Tennessee Professor of the Year by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching and the Council for Advancement and Support of Education, an honor most befitting her outstanding tenure as a professor as it recognizes the positive influence she has had on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, a member of the Sewanee faculty since 1995, Elizabeth Mansfield has engendered an impressive amount of popular interest in the contemporary and modern art courses she teaches; and

WHEREAS, chosen from over 400 nominees, Ms. Mansfield has proven herself to be a professor of the highest caliber by winning the Carnegie/CASE award, one of the most prestigious in undergraduate education; and

WHEREAS, Elizabeth Mansfield is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who works assiduously to motivate her students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Mansfield truly serves as an inspiration to her colleagues and students alike, and her friendship and counsel are highly valued by those fortunate enough to know her; and

WHEREAS, Elizabeth Mansfield truly epitomizes the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend and congratulate Elizabeth Mansfield upon her reception of the 2003 Tennessee Professor of the Year Award and extend to her our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we offer our sincere gratitude to Elizabeth Mansfield for her dedication to the students of this State and her efforts in illuminating their young minds.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.